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1. Near Kyustendil a systematic undeclared campaign was under way in mid-March to remove all inhabitants in the region suspected of being unfavorable to the regime. These elements are being sent to concentration camps in the interior of the country.
2. One company of Bulgarian infantry troops is stationed in each of the following villages, located west of Kyustendil near the Yugoslav frontier: Kuselitsa, Ushi, Djokintsi and Shatkovitsa. Source states that these villages are small, consisting of merely 15 to 30 houses.
3. In several villages in this area of the Yugoslav-Bulgarian frontier, floodlights have been installed to assist Bulgarian Border Guards in the apprehension of individuals attempting to flee the country.
4. On 20 March a small group of Bulgarian refugees consisting of about four or five individuals attempted to cross the Yugoslav frontier back into Bulgaria in order to engage in sabotage against the regime. The men were captured by Yugoslav frontier guards just before making the crossing and were jailed after being interrogated on their plans. After several days they were released with the understanding that they would continue to engage in this work, providing they kept the Yugoslavs fully informed of their activities.

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